Mind Stealers From Outer Space- Remastered

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Summary: This is my favorite episode of "Wonder Woman." I have often thought since I first saw it in 1998 what would have happened if there was another reason why Andros wanted to save Earth besides Wonder Woman. What if he had put something very important there years ago that the Skrill could have discovered.

1. Chapter 1

Summary: What if Andros in "Wonder Woman" had another reason for NOT wanting the Earth to be contaminated besides Wonder Woman. What if his dislike of the Skrill was more personal than the episode showed and someone besides Wonder Woman was in danger from the Skrill.

Chapter 1- Alien Invasion

Alanna Andros watched nervously from the counsel chamber as her father, Andros, incinerated a Skrill fighter vessel. Her father had been fighting this battle against the Skrill since Alanna was very small. Every time they seemed to gain a foothold, the Skirll, being the vermin that they were, would come back to rear their ugly heads.

"The Skrill are attempting to escape," the head of the counsel, Chaka said from his place beside Alanna and Cell.

"Well, Father did say they would as they are smart in some ways, just not others," Alanna said.

"They appear to be successfully doing so," Cell observed.

"Your father, Alanna, has his squadron after them," Chaka said to Alanna.

"Unsucessfully," Cell pointed out; a comment Alanna felt was undeserved. It was something that didn't need to be said as everyone

could see the Skrill was escaping.

Andros shot a laser at a battle station and a Skrill fighter. "They both have just been destroyed," Cell said.

"Perhaps. We shall see. I'll summon Andros," Chaka said.

"I'll go to the landing pod. Father would want to see me," Alanna said. Alanna ran as fast as she could and made it just as her father came out of his ship.

"Alanna," her father said heavily as he hugged her tightly.

"Father, are you all right," Alanna said, looking into her father's tired blue eyes.

"Of course, my Alanna, but the Skrill have escaped," Andros said, touching her curly brown hair, hair that closely resembled his.

"I know. I saw it with Chaka and Cell in the counsel chamber," Alanna said as they walked to the counsel room.

"Alanna, I will have to go fight the Skrill," Andros said.

"I know, Father. I know. I just hope you have better ideas of containing them than Chaka and Cell do. Between you and me, Cell sometimes behaves no better than the Skrill. Remember she didn't want you going after them when they killed Mother and we had to hide Melana. It's a good thing no one on Octarus know where Melana is," Alanna said.

"That is yet to be seen, Allana," Andros said under his breath as they entered the counsel chamber.

"We are sorry to summon you so early, Andros," Chaka said.

"I don't mind being summoned early. What I mind is failure.," Andros said tightly, his fingers on the back of Alanna's head. Andros was one of the very few fathers on Octarus who openly showed affection for his daughter. He had seen it once a long time ago and had thought it was a good idea that fathers could love their children.

"Then the Skrill have escaped?" Cell asked.

"Yes, Cell. Fortunately, the interceptor guard ships that were pursuing them were unmanned. No living creature was harmed when I destroyed it, but the Skrill didn't know that," Andros said.

"Of course not, Father. They are vermin," Alanna said, a statement that her father apparently didn't like.

"They were making a path for... What's the name of the planet, Andros?" Cell asked.

"Terra. Sometimes called Earth," Andros turned and with his amulet brought up a picture of a small planet on the viewscreen.

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><p>Andros stood next to his daughter as Earth filled the port.

Andros loved the sight of Earth since the first time he had seen it in 1943. Of course he had been back to Earth since then. 10 years earlier he had left something on Earth that was very important.<p>

"How can you remember the native name of every primitive planet? Earth?" Cell asked as Andros and Alanna turned back to face her and the members of the counsel.

"Earth has been part of my caseload for a long time, Cell. I feel responsible," Andros said.

"We appreciate that, Andros. And the Skrill, they carry a definite danger of contamination to the Earth creatures?" Chaka asked.

"They call themselves "Humans," Andros said, feeling tears come to his eyes as he thought of Melana. She was among the humans on Earth and if the drugs he had given her to erase her memory had worked, she would think of herself as one of them.

Cell laughed. "They would. The arrogance of innocence," Cell said disdainfully. "Well, Andros, do you think you can clear up this mess? Bring the Skrill back?"

" I am prepared to leave for Earth immediately. Alanna, can come with me if she wants," Andros said.

"I want to, Father," Alanna said.

"I thought you would," Andros said with a smile. Considering his daughters were twins, Alanna was the only one, besides himself, who knew where Melana was and had sworn to never divulge her whereabouts.

"Perhaps, besides Alanna, you should take some assistance," Chaka suggested.

"That won't be necessary. There's an Earth creature with whom my father and I have worked before and also Melana is on Earth as well. I have kept track of her since I left her there. She is with an agency in the capital city of the United States as a peacekeeper and scientist. I plan on sending word to the Earth Creature. She also works with Melana sometimes," Andros said.

Without consulting us? And you put one of our citizens among a planet of primitives?" Cell asked indignantly.

"Melana was until now perfectly safe. She has no idea who she is. She thinks she's an orphan, called Megan Whiting. I gave her some experimental drug. The people of Earth are very suspicious and fearful when it comes to people from other planets. The drug suppresses all memories for 12 years. She's in her fourteenth year. The drug should be starting to wear off. It'll start with sleepless nights as her memories will be in her dreams and painful migraine headaches. I need to be there to administer the antidote where the pain won't be so bad and if you knew Wonder Woman, you'd know why I've chosen her," Andros said, bringing up a picture of a woman in red, white, and blue, running through the trees and jumping over some kind of vehicle. The counsel looked impressed and Andros and Alanna left the chambers.

"Father, Melana really is on Earth and she really can't remember?" Alanna asked.

"No, but the antidote will help. Alanna, try to understand. When the Skrill killed your mother I had to protect both of you. It was safer to have one of you away and the other here, since I couldn't protect two girls at once. Your sister is going to need both of us. She will not believe I am her father and you are her sister. That is why I want you to come. We need to convince her that she is coming back here after we capture the Skrill," Andros said as they went to his ship and prepared for takeoff.

2. Chapter 2

Ch. 2- A Breach in Security and Decontamination

Megan Whiting sat in Steve Austin's office, turning her door badge that was clipped to the pocket of her navy blue jacket. She had just gotten back from a mission in California with Diana Prince when a short in a relay station got everyone's attention. It wouldn't have been so embarrassing if it wasn't something Megan had installed last year. It hadn't really caused a problem before. So when a station shorts out, it was guaranteed to raise eyebrows; including Megan's. More eyebrows were raised when some unidentified flying saucers broke through.

"There's no question in your mind that whatever or whoever they are, they're coming from somewhere outside of our solar system," Steve asked George. George was one of the men who ran the labs at the I.A.D.C. and the one that Megan and the lab brats who worked there reported to when they weren't on missions and trouble came on their watch.

"None whatsoever, Steve. Megan told me fairly quickly when the radar telemetry picked them up. And I told Ruth," George said, indicating the woman next to him. Ruth was another superior at the I.A.D.C. and George reported to her.

"That's right. We picked them up on satellite tracking relay, coming in, onward. Past the orbit of Saturn," Megan said.

'Any evidence of a landing, Ruth?" Diana Prince asked, standing next to Steve.

"Was there any, Megan?" Ruth asked Megan.

"No, Ruth, Diana. The spaceship seems to be homing in on the satellite communication beam. I would check it myself, but I have something cooking in the lab and then I promised Johnny and Debbie that I would go with them on a nature study tomorrow," Megan said apologetically.

"Ruth, you and George check out that automated satellite control station as soon as possible," Steve said as George and Ruth stood up.

"As soon as possible is now, Steve," George said as he and Ruth left the office.

"Good. Diana, Megan, we'll handle the first briefing of the National Security Counsel. All right. As soon as that's over I'll meet George and Ruth. Megan, could you give your experiment to someone else?" Diana asked.

"I guess. Talia could take it. She's doing the same experiment and I could take a rain check on the outing with Johnny and Debbie if I need to check the radars," Megan said.

"Good. You can come to the meeting with us and then you and I can go up to the relays. Security clampdown?" Diana said.

"Let's button it up," Steve said as they left his office.

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><p>Andros and Alanna came back into the council chambers, after being summoned. Alanna had changed out of her ceremonial robes to a flight suit as she prepped her father's ship for launch. "The Council has decided that your trip is unnecessary, Andros," Cell said brusquely.<p>

"What are you talking about? I told you earlier I was planning to contact Wonder Woman and find Melana. My spaceship is ready," Andros said in shock, looking at Alanna.

"It has been decided to send a decontamination squad," Cell said.

"All of you decided this without me? I sit among you too," Alanna said.

"You would have been outvoted. We are going to send the decontamination squad," Cell said, sounding harsh.

"And do what to Earth? To the humans and Melana? The decontamination could kill my daughter. I sent her there to save her life. There would be panic, widespread psychosis. The Skrill can be cleaned out without turning Earth into a battlefield, a madhouse. You agreed to this decision?" Andros asked Chaka.

"There was discussion," Chaka said heavily as he shook his head.

"Well, there should be more. I've just had confirmation that the Skrill are located near the capital city of the United States and that is where Melana is. Here, I will let you see her," Andros said, activating his amulet.

A young girl, who looked like Melana was in a car next to a dark-haired woman who wore glasses. "Megan, is the relay still down?" The woman asked.

"Appears to be. Whatever slipped through last night, knew how to deep-fry our circuits," Melana said, holding what looked like a box.

"Can you fix it?" The woman asked.

"Maybe. I fixed my father's radio. This couldn't be as hard as all that," Melana said, blowing a lock of dirt-colored curls out of her face as the viewport went dark.

"See, my daughter is fine and I can locate the Skrill," Andros said.

"You can pinpoint them? And teach Melana that the human raising her is not her father?" Chaka asked.

"Yes to both. Once I inject my daughter with the antidote she will remember everything about Octarus and all of us, but she will also remember her life on Earth too," Andros said.

"Please. Give us a chance to recapture the Skrill and find Melana without ravaging an entire planet," Alanna said.

"I would be willing to give Andros and Alanna such a chance if it were limited," Chaka said.

"By setting a time limit?" Cell asked caustically.

"Exactly," Chaka agreed.

"But that's unfair," Andros said in a small voice.

"Six days. Six days on Earth to recapture the Skrill and bring Melana back, no more," Chaka said, his voice one of finality.

Andros opened his mouth to protest and then closed it and looked around. "Accepted. Six days," Andros said in a tight voice. He gripped Alanna's arm and they went back to his ship.

"Father, I am sorry. I didn't know. This has to be Cell's doing. You know how prejudiced she can be," Alanna said apologetically.

Andros hugged his daughter tightly. "I know, my Alanna. It is not your fault. They shouldn't have voted this without you there," Andros said.

"I guess the only thing we can do is go to the capital city and stop them and save Melana," Alanna said as they made their way to Andros's ship.

3. Chapter 3

Chapter 3-

Megan looked around, finally putting away the radio she had been fiddling with. "Still no response?" Diana asked, driving the car to the relay in the mountains.

"None. Like I said, whatever came here knew how to fry something to the effect that we'll have to replace everything. And that's not gonna be easy since I built everything myself. It's not like I can go to the grocery store and buy the parts I need," Megan said irritably.

"Duly noted. Look, me and Steve feel bad about ruining your day off,"

Diana said.

"It's all right. I'm just upset that I have to rebuild everything and not sleeping good at night is not helping. It's worse with the terrible headaches and nightmares I've been having lately. Since we got back from shutting the spa down in California my sleep has been erratic and no Tylenol or Aspirin seem to shake the headaches and sleeping pills seem to have no effect on me," Megan said as Diana stopped.

"That's odd," Diana said. Megan looked and noticed Ruth's car just sitting there.

"Yes it is. Where's George and Ruth?" Megan asked as they got out of Diana's car.

"I don't know. Let's go look," Diana said as they walked through the trees, looking around.

A high-pitched beeping sound filled the area and Diana and Megan stopped. "Diana, I've heard that sound before somewhere," Megan said, a cold dread filling her stomach. While she couldn't place the sound, something didn't feel right.

"You don't remember where?" Diana asked.

"No. I wish I did, but whatever this sound is, I don't like the sound of it," Megan said, looking around the same as Diana, but missing the strange creatures watching them.

"If you did remember would you tell us?" Diana asked.

"Yes, Ma'am. Now would probably be a good time to become Wonder Woman, though," Megan said. By the look on Diana's face, she was clearly surprised.

"How long have you known?" Diana asked in a whisper.

"How long have you been at the I.A.D.C.? I figured if you were going to tell you would and your glasses don't really disguise your face all that much, Diana. Why Steve can't see it, I don't know. Maybe most men aren't that bright. Mom says that most men can't see their own noses and it's attached to their faces," Megan said as they walked off to a clearing.

"I can't argue with that. Stand back. I don't want to hit you," Diana said. Megan stood back as Diana transformed into Wonder Woman.

"Thank you, Megan, for not revealing my secret," Wonder Woman said.

"You're welcome. Now can we get out of here? I don't like the sound of that sound," Megan said. They ran through the trees. Wonder Woman jumping over a stand of birch trees. Megan joined her on the other side of the trees. Wonder Woman jumped up onto a tree and looked around, her eyes stopping on some bulges in leaf piles and something the color of Ruth's coat.

"Megan, there," Wonder Woman said, jumping down and running to the

piles.

Megan moved some leaves, revealing George's face. Wonder Woman moved some more leaves and touched the sides of their necks for a pulse as their eyes were open, but unseeing. "They're still alive, Megan," Wonder Woman said with a sigh of relief.

"I can see that, but why do their eyes look like that?" Megan asked.

"I don't know, but alive. We have to get them to the hospital," Wonder Woman said.

""I don't think a doctor can fix this, Diana. Whatever was done to them is beyond us and our knowledge of medicine. I've seen this before, but it's like a memory from a dream," Megan said as Wonder Woman lifted Ruth and George, taking them to her car, amidst that strange beeping that has started up again.

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><p>It didn't take long to get George and Ruth into the emergency room at Georgetown Hospital. Wonder Woman had turned back into Diana and both her and Megan had put on hospital scrubs. Diana had just finished explaining to Steve what had happened. Megan could hear the conversation as she stood next to Diana, the phone turned so she could hear everything said.<p>

"How are they?" Steve asked.

"I don't know, Steve. Doctor Rand is doing an examination now," Diana said wearily.

"I've ordered roadblocks. The entire area is sealed off," Steve said firmly.

"Okay. Me and Megan will get back to you as soon as we know more," Diana said as the two of them hung up and Diana and Megan went back into the operating room.

The doctor shone a light into Ruth's eyes. "They seem so drained," Diana said when the doctor turned off the light.

"That's exactly the word for it, Miss Prince, Miss Whiting. There's no physical trauma. No sign of disease. Yet there's no mental activity beyond the minimum necessary to sustain life. In effect, they're mindless. Physically healthy, mentally empty," Doctor Rand said. They left the operating room, the doctor removing his hat and surgical mask as Diana and Megan removed their surgical masks. "I understand this is some national security matter. But is there anything either of you can tell me that might be of some help in my treatment?" Dr. Rand asked.

"We don't know much yet. Megan even says this looks familiar, but even that is sketchy as she doesn't remember exact details. Just that she has seen it before. Okay, Doctor. Something from outer space has landed on Earth. Now George and Ruth went to investigate the manifestation, and apparently to put it in your own words, they've lost control of their own minds," Diana explained.

"And neither of you know to whom, or to what?" Doctor Rand asked, looking skeptical.

"No, Doctor. I'm sorry, but we don't. But as we were walking through the woods, I had the feeling of something alien. We heard some odd musical sounds. Patterns. It was a sound I had heard before, but I can't place it, other than the feeling that whatever it is, it's hostile," Megan said as they walked down the hall.

"Are you saying that I'm treating the possible victims of someone or something from another world?" Doctor Rand asked.

"That's exactly right, Doctor," Diana said.

"Diana, Steve wanted us to keep him posted. We'd better get back up there if we're supposed to that," Megan suggested.

"Megan's right. Keep us posted on George and Ruth," Diana said as they went to change out of their scrubs and went back to the roadblock.

4. Chapter 4

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When Megan and Diana arrived at the roadblock, Megan was astonished at how fast one formed. When Steve Austin said he would coordinate a roadblock he didn't play around. But Megan had her qualms about this roadblock. If their aliens could drain George and Ruth where they didn't even know what hit them, it stood to reason that they could slip past a roadblock as well. Megan felt as if she should know all of this, but she still couldn't put a finger on what any of this meant or what it was.

"We've got the entire area cordoned off. And all the roads are blocked. No one enters or leaves except through one of our checkpoints," the officer who was in charge said to Megan and Diana. Diana had a map of the area in front of her and Megan looked at it. The whole area was a wide space, very easy for aliens or anyone else to give someone the slip or disappear in the forest or caves that dotted the landscape.

"Good. What about those already in the area?" Diana asked.

"Well, that's hard to say. We do know that a busload of kids from Barclay College went in this morning on a field trip. That should be winding up fairly soon," the officer said.

"Was it a nature study? I was supposed to go on that trip Johnny and Debbie Chambers are friends of mine and they invited me, but this came up and I couldn't go," Megan said.

"I wouldn't know. I was just told it was a field trip. Uh, you don't mind me asking, what are we looking for?" The officer asked.

"Well, we aren't exactly sure," Diana said vaguely.

"Yeah, thanks," the cop said sarcastically.

"Captain, we may have an illegal alien problem and we don't just want innocent people getting hurt," Diana said.

"But we have an illegal alien problem all over the country, Miss Prince, but we don't usually seal off an area this big to find them," the officer said.

"These aliens are from outer space, Captain," Megan put in as she and Diana walked off.

"Heh. These are the people running our country," Megan heard the officer say.

"I don't think he believed us, Diana," Megan said dryly.

"Well, it is a little far-fetched. If we hadn't of seen it, I wouldn't have believed it," Diana said dryly.

"Do you think one of us should go up the mountain to meet the bus from the college? Johnny and Debbie might believe they are in trouble if I go," Megan said as she clipped a walkie-talkie to her belt.

"I have no problems with it. Just be careful," Diana said.

"I will. I can ride back with the group. Mrs. Pratt won't mind," Megan said, walking in the direction of the bus.

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><p>Megan ran all the way to a blue-and-white van. A short, overweight woman had just come out and was looking at her watch and clipboard. "Hi, Mrs. Pratt," Megan said, slightly out of breath.<p>

"Megan! What are you doing here?" Mrs. Pratt asked quizzically.

"Well, I'm trying to get all of you off this mountain. We've had a breach in security and we need to seal off the area. A police captain told me that you'd be here," Megan explained.

"Well, all right. I trust you. You're never wrong," Mrs. Pratt said, going to the hill overlooking the college students.

"Don't tell them that the government needs to seal the mountain. Just say you're tired or something. The least they know the better," Megan said.

"Of course. Hey, you guys, come on! I'm tired! Let's wrap it up and get out of here! Come on. Hurry on in!" Mrs. Pratt yelled, beckoning the students to the truck.

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><p>On the other side of the mountain, Johnny and Debbie Chambers were looking at flowers. "Hey! Hey, look! Diospyros!" Johnny exclaimed to which Debbie corrected his mispronunciation.<p>

"Hey, up there! Come on down!" Mrs. Pratt's voice called to them, followed by a sharp whistle.

"Hey, how are you doing?" Johnny asked his sister as he walked to her.

"Hey, look. Come here. I found something. Look. Do you think Megan would be interested in this kind of flower?" Debbie asked, handing it to Johnny.

"Looks like the Virginia Sapsucker, I do believe. And knowing Megan, she probably would be interested," Johnny said with a laugh.

"Oh, come on! Stop it," Debbie said, giving him a sisterly push and a sharp shrill whistle filled the air.

"I guess, we should be getting back, right?" Johnny asked.

"No, come on. It's really nice here. Look at this," Debbie said, indicating another plant.

"Terrific," Johnny said, clearly not interested.

"Beautiful," Debbie said with a laugh as a weird beeping filled the air. Johnny and Debbie looked up as four creatures in silver jumped into the clearing.

"What the heck?" Johnny exclaimed as they stood and moved a little closer to investigate, to which neither of them remembered any more

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><p>"Debbie! Johnny!" The aliens heard a woman yell as they took the minds of the two young ones and then two of them entered the empty shells that was the two children.<p>

The Skrill in Debbie looked at the huge object in her arms and the stylus in her hand while the Skrill in Johnny looked at himself and then her. "This creature... This young man is relatively weak. But a young mind can absorb information much more quickly if Andros's daughter, who lives among these creatures has proved," the skrill in Johnny said.

"We shall be far more efficient recording instruments using these young minds," the skrill in Debbie said.

"Yes, we shall. Let us go and we can hurt Andros through his daughter," the Skrill in Johnny said with a modicum of glee.

"Yes. Do you think she knows who she is? That her father is Andros? That she has a sister who looks like her?" The Skrill in Debbie asked.

"She didn't act as if she did. These creatures in their primitive ways have picked apart that Octarian's mind thoroughly," the Skrill in Johnny said with barely disguised contempt as they walked off.

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><p>Megan watched as Mrs. Pratt checked each name off her list. "Debbie! Johnny!" Mrs. Pratt called looking up. Megan looked up as

the sound of thunder filled the sky, followed by huge rain clouds. "And now, it's beginning to thunder," Mrs. Pratt commented.<p>

"I know, but we need to get out of here. Maybe Diana and the officers can help us find Johnny and Debbie," Megan commented.

"Debbie! Johnny!" Mrs. Pratt called and then whistled as the sky got darker and the wind picked up and Megan got in the van. Mrs. Pratt called one more time and then got in the van herself to drive to the roadblock.

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